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- 1. Ninety per cent of the Albanian people oppose the present regime which is governing by terror. Several men, however, have recently deserted nationalist groups.
- 2. The internal Communist Party split is constantly broadening.
- 3. Five or six ships of six to eight thousand tons bring army supplies to Durres and Vlone monthly. In Durres the eight-thousandton Russian ship TCHITAIKA unloading wheat and railway materiel, the Polish ship BORISLAV unloading flour for the Army, and one six-thousand-ton Bulgarian ship unloading sugar and agricultural machinery. After unloading, the ships were to proceed to Vlone to load fuel oil and stock farming products for Russia.

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- 4. The Vlone fuel tanks and the Kosove-Vlone pipe line have been completed. The construction of the new Patos-Vione pipe line has begun under the supervision of Russian technicians, who seem specially interested in the speedy completion of this project.
- 5. The Tirana-Soviet Airline flies twice weekly via Prague, primarily for the needs of the Russian Mission in Albania,

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